

6.1 MOUNT WAVERLEY CAR PARKING

Submitting Councillors: Robert Davies and Theo Zographos

MOTION

That Council

- 1. Provides In-Principle support to allocate the portion of Council owned land at Alexander Street, Mount Waverley (see map outline in blue below) towards a Multi-story Commuter and Activity Centre Customer Car Parking Project.*
- 2. Engages with Local State and Federal Members of Parliament to establish and secure funding support for a Multi-storey Commuter Car Parking Project.*
- 3. At this stage, does not offer any financial commitment towards a project.*

INTRODUCTION

This current at-grade carpark is made up of a mix of commuter, 2-hour, and 4-hour car parking. The land is owned by Council (area in blue) and by VicTrack.

It is well documented that train stations in the Mount Waverley and Glen Waverley areas have a deficit of commuter car parks. Residents in the area surrounding the Mount Waverley station have provided feedback to me that they have substantial inconvenience due to commuters parking on their local streets. I believe the local community will support the Project if funding is secured.

In 2014/15 a Multi-story Commuter Car Park was initiated and completed at the Syndal Station by the Victorian State Government. This carpark cost \$10.8m and provided 250 spaces to meet local commuter demand. Currently, the train stations on the Glen Waverley line have the following approximate number of commuter carparks.

Jordanville	161
Mount Waverley	245
Syndal	590
Glen Waverley	330

Additional parking could also provide an economic boost to the Mount Waverley shopping centre with increased usage of the local traders by commuters and easier access to parking by centre workers and professionals. In addition, further all-day parking facilities can make professional services more appealing to establish as specialist staff will be able to park on location, rather than walking 500m-1000m from a suburban street location.

Therefore, I see that this project will address key community concerns raised by the community as part of the consultation process of the Mount Waverley Plan.

The Mount Waverley Plan also highlights this site as a “Strategic Site” open to “Consideration for Redevelopment” (Pages 14-15 Site B). Clearly one option open to consider is therefore to redevelop the site into something offering significantly more of the same service than what it is currently offering.

Redevelopment of the car park also offers opportunity to improve traffic and pedestrian flow as part of the project, improving safety, access, and reducing congestion.

CONCLUSION

This motion seeks to explore an opportunity to address a Key Community Concern highlighted by the Mount Waverley Plan. If a project is completed it could increase the number of carparks, improve safety, assist the Mount Waverley Activity Centre to develop increased commercial opportunities, and make more parking available for shoppers and professional staff working in the centre.

This is an opportunity to make Council a key contributor towards a successful development, investing in and enhancing our community and addressing a Key Community Concern from the Mount Waverley Plan.